## Death Claims Frank Gotch, Greatest Wrestler of the Age---Ty Cobb the All-Around Champion of American League

## MARVEL, IS DEAD

Retired World's Heavyweight Champion Succumbs After Long Illness.

Caused Hackenschmidt to Forfeit Match After 2 Hours of Grappling.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 16.—Frank A. Gotch, retired champion heavyweight wrestler of the world, died at noon today at his home. Humboldt, Ia., of tramic poisoning. He had been in failng bealth for two years.
Gotch was 41 years old. He was born on April 27, 1876, on a farm three miles south of Humboldt.

He is survived by his widow, a four-year-old son, Robert Gotch; a brother, Fred Gotch; a sister, Mrs. Charlie Kurth of Humboldt, and his mother. Mrs. Ame-la Gorch, also a resident of Humboldt. His wife and son were at his bedside when death came. It is said that the ers that have been in circulation durpast two months that he was ir-

The first intimation that his health was not as good as it should be came to him in the summer of 1916, when he was making a tour of the country with a

Exhibited Skill in Circus.

Gotch, in the circus, wrestled with Bob Managoff, Earl Caldock and others, only hen he injured his ankle.

The discoveries the champion made

resarding his condition that summer assed him to abandon all plans of a match with Stecher. The following winter Gotch became Southern resort, but became seriously in a Chicago hotel. He was removed to a hospital, where he was kept until

November, when he was brought then for only short strolls. Ten lays ago he began to grow worse.

Goth built up a fortune in wrestling and by investing his earnings in Iowa

farm lands. His estate is variously esti-mated at between \$200,000 and \$600,000, all of which represents money made through his ability as a wrestler. Gitch wen the American champion-Glich wen the American champion-ship January 27, 1804, from Tom Jere kins after one of the roughest matches ever seen in this country. The bout was staged at Bellingham, Wash, Gotch won the first fall and was awarded the second after Jenkins had fouled him reby applying the strangle hold

Bent Hackenschmidt in Chicago. Gorch won the heavyweight wreetling defeating George Hacken chicago by defeating George Hacken-schmidt, the Russian Lion, who forfeited the match after two hours and eight minutes. The Russian had to retire belotch's opponent had entered the conrevented his exerting more than a feeble resistance to the champion. The most money ever taken in a wres-

idt that Gotch introduced and perfected the toe hold, against which no and soon in a the strongest of them

Started Career in 1809.

On April 2, 1899, Gotch engaged in his reen, at Humboldt, which he won. Spread, and on June 16 of the same to spread, and on June 16 of the same lear wrestled with Dan McLeod, then a widely known mat artist, in an Jowa atty, and was defeated. He was also defeated by Farmer Burns in the same lear and then went to Klondike, where he won five successive matches in 1901. Upon his cours, he won many matches his teturn he won many matche d grappled with Tom Jenkins, world's mmon, on February 22, 1903. The

ng year and in this won the title. and and defeated all corners.
The only man who ever publicly threw ampion was Fred Beell of Marsh the gest fall to Gatch's second and Hackenschmidt in 1911.

James Jeffries, former hear weight boxing champion, were in-linuse friends and before Jeffries lost his hearth Jack Johnson the two chamthe country, meeting with treat receptions everywhere.

REDUCE PLAYING SCHEDULE.

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GOTCH, WRESTLING HIGH LIGHTS AND SHADOWS IN ALL SPHERES OF SPORTS

professional baseball more than the owners may appreciate. This is no mere hazarding a prediction. The effect of such transactions in the past most often has been deleterious not only to the individual clubs involved but to the other teams in their league. That John K. Tener appreci-ANNEXED TITLE IN 1908 ated to the full the danger of these transfers of stars to clubs with the money power behind them was indicated by his message to the National League owners. Knowing that Charley Weeghman was coming on with the Chicago dough bag, previously well advertised, Tener felt some of these deals coming on and he knew that, especially in a time such as the leagues are facing, it was essential that all teams hold on to such leading performers as were not called away or enlisted.

However, immediately after listening to Tener's word of warning William

F. Baker proceeded to get rid of Alexander and Killefer to Chicago for something like \$50,000. Two days later Connie Mack transferred Bush, Strunk and Schang to the Red Sex for approximately a like sum. In the case of Baker there is some chance that the sale was justified. Baker may have had a very strong personal reason for getting rid of Alexander, who is said to be wintering in Philadelphia with little regard for his coming duties in the pitcher's hox.

duties in the pitcher's box.

As for Mack, his action was an insult to the loyalty of the Philadelphia As for Mack, his action was an insult to the loyalty of the Financial fans, who for three years have been forced to put up with minor league representation in the American League. Last season Mack was beginning to rehabilitate himself and his team, but with such a bulwark as Bush. Strunk and Schang gone the Athletics revert to even worse than the outfit that remained in 1915, immediately after the sale of Collins, Barry and the rest of the world's champion cross.

The Difference Between a Contender and a Mediocre Outfit.

Alexander and Killefer were to the Phillies the difference between a pennant contender and just an ordinary second division outfit. Baker may learn that to his cost next season, for we believe that he was banking too strongly on the decimation of rival ranks by the draft and enlistments. It looks very much as if Philadelphia will be the Sodom and Gomorrah of the major leagues next season. the major leagues next season.

At first blush it would seem that the sale of stars and the redistribution making a tour of the country with a making a tour of the country with a well known circus as a test to see whether he should sign articles for a match with Jee Stecher of Dodge, Neb., match with Jee Stecher of Dodge, Neb., who had won the title from Charlie Cutler of Chicago. Gotch had declared Cutler of Chicago. Gotch had declared Cutler with the Chicago come to regard certain leading lights as their exclusive heroes with the country horse of the game and come to regard certain leading lights as their exclusive heroes with the country horse of the of strength would tend to create new interest and make for the betterment of professional baseball. Yet the fans hate to have the professional side of the game emphasised too strongly. They like to believe that the New York and Chicago to the professional side of the game emphasised too strongly.

Camouflage the Slogan in Reported Prices for Players.

Queried the Friend on the Street yesterday in reference to the big prices reported paid for ball players, "Is it real money?" In reply we say, "Most of it." When Baker sold Alexander and Killefer it was reported a short time when he was compelled to say, "Most of it." When Baker sold Alexander and Killefer it was reported return to his home because of stomach in various quarters that \$75,000, \$85,000 or \$100,000 and even more was included. He never regained his health paid for the battery. On the best of authority we stated here that the fully, although he later rejoined the consideration involved did not exceed \$50,000. We have reason to believerus ite was compelled to leave again and rather strong reason too-that in real money Baker is to get \$41,000. and that he accepted the contracts of Dilhoefer and Prendergast at \$4,500

Last Friday it was reported that Harry Frazee had paid \$60,000 for the three Athletics. Frasee named that sum in his announcement, and when one of the baseball writers congratulated Mack on his acquisition of The following winter Gotch became when one of the baseoni writers congratulated mack on his acquisition of the baseoni went to Hot Springs, Ark so much cash Connie laughed and said, "Who said I got \$60,000?" "Why, he returned home last spring, but gradually lost strength. Early in October laughed some more. Down in Philadelphia they say that if Mack got his went to Chicago on his way to a \$30,000 he got a lot. The slogan of the day seems to be "camouflage."

Sol Metager Not to Return to W. & J.

Dame Rumor persists in having it that several big changes in college football ceaching staffs are due soon. It is practically certain that Sol Metzger will not return to Washington and Jefferson, where he took the place of Bob Folwell two years ago. Dave Morrow, former W. & J. centre and line coach under Metzger, is slated to succeed to the head coaching job. Metzger does not want to go back to Washington. On the other hand job. Metager does not want to go back to Washington. On the other hand it is reported that Folwell is not overanxious about remaining at Pennsylvania and that he would not be averse to going back to W. & J.

Harry McDevitt is not to return to Colgate, and there is some doubt whether Fred Walker is to stay at Williams. He wants a salary increase.

Despite stories to the contrary it is quite certain that Clarence Spears can have the Dartmouth job again if he wants it. There isn't a chance that Walker will be asked to take over Spears's position.

Gen. Sherrill Tells of Pirst Using Crouch Start.

Charley Sherrill of Yale and the New York Athletic Club-now Adjt .schools track and field championships in the Twenty-second Regiment Armory last Saturday. For the time being he was Charley of Tale over dagain. He enjoyed every minute of the meet and was in glee especially over the sprint races.

"I like to come here and see those boys use that crouch start in the same game. Thus, and field programmes. George Hurf, haueball coach of the University of Illinois, proposed the adoption of hand grenade throwing and declared that it was the duty of the colleges to train their men in this important specialty of warfare. The coaches passed the adoption of the crouch start back in 1888, when he was a student at Yale. Gen. Sherrill likes to tell of his first use of the crouch start. It was at a meet at Cedarhurst in 1888, that he was a student at was at a meet at Cedarhurst in 1888, that he was a student at was at a meet at Cedarhurst in 1888, that he was a student at was at a meet at Cedarhurst in 1888, that he was a student at was at a meet at Cedarhurst in 1888, that he was a student at was at a meet at Cedarhurst in 1888, that he was a student at was at a meet at Cedarhurst in 1888, that he was a student at was at a meet at Cedarhurst in 1888, that he was a student at was at a meet at Cedarhurst in 1888, that he was a student at was the duty of the colleges will be most bases on balls, \$3. Tris Speaker of Cleveland had a remarkable coach of the University of Hurf, haueball coach of the University of Hurf, Gen. Charles H. Sherrill of New York—was a spectator at the elementary schools track and field championships in the Twenty-second Regiment

the inventor of the crouch start back in 1888, when he was a student at cause of exhaustion. Wrestling enthusians called it the greatest mat spectacle of history. Gotch lost nine pounds belief history. Gotch lost nine pounds belief history. The result of the crouch start and the next won my semi-final and the final heats with the crouch start and the next morning I had the best laugh of my life," said the General. "None of the newspaper men knew of the crouch start, and in their stories the next day a week before he could speak plainly.

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The result of the football schedule contains and the final heats with the crouch start and the next morning I had the best laugh of my life," said the General. "None of the message of strikeouts. Cobb struck out is little doubt that their colleges will be l a week before he could speak plainly. they said that I had won my heats despite my having fallen at the start. Chicago, Ohio State. Minnesota and Gotch wrestled with Hackenschmidt They thought that the crouch was a fall!" And the General laughed until Northwestern—two more than it had Retains Third Place by Beatthe White Sox ball park again the tears streamed down his face.

tion of having won the intercollegiate championships in both dashes for sylvania, but retained Cornell. three years in succession. In addition Sherrill won a tenth championship at 100 yards, in his first year of competition, as a freshman.

No Title to Winner of Wrestling Tournament.

For many years the failure of wrestling promoters to live up to their romises has joined with prearranged bouts in putting the sport into disrepute. With boxing in legal displeasure in this city the time appeared ripe for an attempt at rehabilitating wrestling here. There was the of a successful start with the organization of a tournament which was cted the toe hold, against which no of a successful start with the organization of a tournament which was produced and indiana, rivals for an was ever able to stand. The hold billed as the international catch as catch can championship competition, twenty years, will not meet on the use of the strongest of them. Contains the strongest of them. Caddock, Strangler Lewis, Joe Stecher and Vladek Zbyszko would take part in the full series of finish bouts to determine who was to be Frank Gotch's successor.

Stecher has not yet appeared and is not likely to. Caddock has taken part in two bouts and will not be able to stay to determine the real champion. Only Lewis and Zbyszko have competed through the series, except on those nights when Lewis had to go to Norfolk and way stations to take part in little by plays. The tournament is not, never has been and drop minor sports because of the lack pion. Only Lewis and Zbyszko have competed through the series, except over Green caused his fame to will not be a championship affair and no title goes to the winner.

> CADDOCK GOES WEST; KIVIAT REENLISTS TITLE IN ABEYANCE Wrestling Tournament.

The final week of the catch as catch can wreatling tournament at the Lexington Theatre begins to-night with only best middle distance runners a few years two competitors boasting a clean score. Strangler Lewis has won every bout in Regiment of Recited in the Thirteenth a number of successive wins he integral match with denkins the surface a march with denkins the surface a march with denkins the surface a march with denkins the surface and in this won the title. Which he has taken part, most of them at and defeated the greatest in the world. The few deships are not and defeated the greatest in the world. The few deships are not all the surface and in this won the staken part, most of them at and defeated the greatest in the world. The few deships are not all the surface and the surface there is small question that Lewis and be won both the half mile and one mile Zbyszko will be the contestants in the in new schoolboy record times. He then final match next Saturday night. Earl Caddock, who certainly is the equal of Lewis or the Pole, will not be able to compete at the finish as his furlough has expired. As Stecher also will not compete two of the leading grappiers in the country will be missing from what is scheduled as a title tournament. The championship title therefore is not at the property of the p is scheduled as a title tournament. The championship title therefore is not at stake in the present tourney, and the interest in the present ourney, and the interest in the present week's matches amounts almost to nil. Caddock beat Stocher and claimed title on that performance, but Lewis on an even basis with the farmer boy.

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Ords. He held the indoor one mite mark of \$181-5 until last March, when J.W. Overton ran his sensational record race in Philadelphia.

Two years ago Kiviat with Harry smith of the Bronx Church House was second, one bird behind, while M. Lembeck and W. Lake is the indoor amateur bleyele champion. He is almost as proficient on skates as he is on a wheel. The half mile novice event is expected to prove interesting.

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Rogers set a season's record when he hit 36 consecutive bird behind, white A. L. V. New York A. C.

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NEW SQUASH SCHEDULE. Crescents Drop Out and Princeton

cide t pon 140 Games.

Binningham, Ala., Dec. 16.—Reduction of the playing schedule from 154 to 140 games next season was determined upon here to-day by the directors of the schedule bearing to the playing schedule from 154 to set of dates would be arranged to-morphy to the schedule from the set of dates would be arranged to-morphy to the set of dates would be arranged to-morphy to the set of dates would be arranged to-morphy to the set of dates would be arranged to-morphy to the set of dates would be arranged to-morphy to the set of dates would be arranged to-morphy to the set of dates would be arranged to-morphy to the set of dates would be arranged to-morphy to the set of dates would be arranged to-morphy to the set of dates would be arranged to-morphy to the set of dates would be arranged to-morphy to the set of dates would be arranged to-morphy to the set of dates would be arranged to-morphy to the set of dates would be arranged to-morphy to the set of dates would be arranged to-morphy to the set of dates.

IN 13TH REGIMENT No Championship at Stake in Famous Athlete Again a Member of Fourth Company.

cause of exorbitant expense charges for a meet up State. Since that time Kiviat has not been seen in competition. The new A. A. U. rule which permits professionals providing they are members of some branch of the United States service again will enable Kiviat to don his running outfit and compete. Kiviat is married and has one child, 3 years old.

ESCAPE AT SQUASH HIGHEST IN BATTING

AST week's big cash deals in the major leagues are bound to hurt Loses First Game to Phelps in Georgia Slugger, With .883, National Handicap, but Takes Match.

> Armin W. Riley of the Princetor Club, rated second only to Fillmore Van
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> S. Hyde among the entrants in the national handicap squash tournament at
> the Yale Club, yesterday afternoon got a
> little scare in his second round match.
> Riley, handicapped at minus 5 aces.
> met D. F. Phelps of the Harvard Club.
> handicapped at plus 3 aces. Phelps
> Cobb according to official averages, hit 383 last season. This is the
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> highest he has had since 1913, when he the Yale Club, yesterday and match. Riley, handicapped at minus 5 aces, met D. F. Phelps of the Harvard Club, handicapped at plus 3 aces. Phelps played a great deal better than the committee which made up the allowances had figured on and in the first game had Riley on the run all the way and pulled through the victor by 15—10.
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> Rilay almost caught his man, at 5—10, one man, Donie Bush of his corred 113 scored more runs.

ictory in the face of handicapping odds. fe ran away with the first game at 5—1, but had to show at his best to vin the second at 18—16.

forced the fight into three games he was unequal to the task of giving his man so liberal a handicap. Dessauer won at 15-12, 15-18, 15-4. Dessauer marched into the third round through the default of Dr. D. I. Mittendorf of the Princeton Club, who in turn had been favored with a default over D. S. Baker of the

H. Vander Poet of the Squash nt, and Club, playing on an even basis with J. G. ition of Waldron of the Montclair A. C., romped off with the match at 15—4, 15—7. Vander Poel played in better than usual

> TO THROW GRENADES AT COLLEGE MEETS

Western Conference Directors Vote to Include That Event in Their Programmes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16 -Athletic directors of the colleges in the Western Confer-

hoped for. With this complete return to Ohio State, twice winner of the "Big Ten" championship, in addition to meeting Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan

and Northwestern, also probably will meet Indiana. Coach Wilce, however, was disappointed in his failure to ar-range games with Chicago and Minne-sota. Neither of these teams has played Ohio State since it has dis-played championship calliers. promise played championship calibre. that all athletic relations between these institutions will be broken off. Notre Dame will take Indiana's place on the interest Northwestern will discontinue baseball and dual track meets and Illinois will drop every sport except baseball, track, basketball and football Howard Jones of Iowa was elected president of the conference to succeed E. O. Stiehm of Indiana, and O. H.

Page, baseball coach at the University ICE SKATING RACES TO-NIGHT. Rogers Hits Birds 56 Consecutive

Poster, Washington A. Meyer, Philadelphia. Collins, Chicago Thrasher, Philadelphia.

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Leads Sisler by 80 Points for League Crown.

By PREDERICK G. LIEB.

Riley almost caught his man, at 9—10. but Pheips put on a little more steams and won the game. That was as fir as the Harvard player got, for in the next two games Riley was an easy winner at 15—4. 15—9. The last rally in the opening same sapped a lot of Pheips's speed, while Riley kept getting better with cevery hand.

T. R. Coward of Yale University, the only undergraduate among the competitors, played a brilliant game in earning his round bracket at the expense of G. E. Cruse of the Squash Club. How hole it was the best year Ty has had in years.

George Sisler, the phenomenal first baseman of the St. Louis Browns, finished in second place, with an average of 353. He bent Tris Speaker of Cleveland, who is the best of the New Haven players, was conceded 3 aces, but Cruse was allowed 3 aces and half a hand, so that Coward had to gain his victory in the face of handicapping odds.

Eleven Players in .300 Class.

The American League had eleven reg-ular players hitting 300 or better, against only six 300 hitters in the Nawin the second at 18—16.

In another first round encounter R. L. Strebeigh of the Columbia University Club, conceding A. G. Biaisdell of the Yale Club two aces in a game, ran off with the match at 15—4, 15—4. H. C. Dessauer, the first of the City Athletic Club entrants to get into action, was allowed six aces by G. G. Zabriskie of the Harvard Club, and while the latter forced the fight into three games he was the second six aces of the control of the year.

the year. Stuffy McInnis of the Athletics, who fell to .297 in 1916, his first flop out of the .500 class since 1909, was back again Allan Russell, the spitball pitcher, led the Yankees. He was the only 300 hitter on Ruppfert's team. Alian hit .323 for thirty games. John Franklin Baker was the leading Yankee batter among the New York regulars with an average of .282. Baker has not hit .300 since leaving the Athletics at the expiration of

the 1914 season. One of the leading reasons why the Yankees tumbled back into sixth place last season is indicated in the club bating figures, where the Yankees trail the field with 238. The Detroit Tigers led in club batting with 259, and strangely enough the tail end Athletics were second, showing unmistakably that Mack's team had a punch even though it was without good pitchers.

Yankees Lead in Homers.

The only thing the Yankees distinguished themselves in was home run hitting, showing that those fences at the Polo Grounds do count. The Yankees led the league in home running with 27. Detroit being close behind them with 25. The Washington club had the low record of only four home runs all season. The home running of the Yankees was of the colleges in the Western Conference in their annual meeting, which broke up early this morning, voted to 27. Pupp leading with 9. Baker coming place hand grenade throwing on all next with 6, while Tim mauled out 5,

> CHESS TOURNAMENT ing West Side Y. M. C. A.

By defeating West Side Y. M. C. A. by 31/2 to 21/2 in the fourth round of the Metropolitan Chess League's annual Columbia's chess team retained White obtained valuable practice for the forthcoming intercollegiste tournament, which starts in this city on Thursday, Capt. C. B. Isaacson, H. E. Leede and Sterman won their games and D. E. M. Sterman won their games and D. E. Ebrilch drew. The summary:
Bids. Columbia. West Side Y. M. C. A.
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1-D. E. Ehrlich. 45 D. H. Prentice. 45
3-C. B. Isaacson. 1 P. Parsons. 6
4-S. A. Clapp. 0 W. R. Thompson 1
5-M. Sterman. 1 F. E. Stead. 0
6-H. Jackson. 0 P. Dalumi. 1

Total 5% Total 1% Columbia played white on the old numbered boards.

In the other two matches of the In the other two matches of the fourth round the champion team of the Rice Progressive Chess Club defeated Ocean Hill by 7 to 1, while Staten Island won from Central Y. M. C. A. by Ocean Hill by 7 to 1, while Staten Island won from Central Y. M. C. A. by 41g to 31g. At the first five boards D. C. Danforth, Chicago the Centrals made the fine score of 31g. W. C. News, Philadelphia, to 11g.

GUNNER SHOWS SKILL.

Times at New Rochelle Traps.

Members Covered Twelve Miles

Crescents Drop Out and Princeton
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Compiled by Irwin M. Howe, American League Statistician.

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FEW LIGHTWEIGHTS Defeat of Cline Narrows Field

> The field of Benny Leonard's danger-Callahan are worthy considerations. No doubt Cline would like a longer bout, but it is questionable if the Irish lad can hold the title holder in a long or abort bout.
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> Cline fought victously for a few rounds, but shot his bolt in the third and

New England, at New Haven.

Those who know Welling are aware weighed less than 123 in several of his ntests, and would unquestionably make a pounds, the so-called limit of the Victories, Leads Novice Cueists title holder. lightweight class, for a bout with the

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

High High graduate him into the Class C champion-ship division.

3 18-2: 15 John Lange, the representative of 22:25 23 Fuller's Academy, and John Low of 24:18-25 23 Howison's are giving Macy a lively 5 18-26 24 17 fuller be championship honors. Each 25 has made a higher amount of 25 the championship honors. Arthur R. Macy 1 0 319-2; 15 John Lange, the representative of John Lange 1 22-25 25 John Low 2 1 22-25 25 John Low 2 1 22-25 25 John Low 2 1 22-25 25 John Low 3 1 22-25 25 John Low 3 1 22-25 25 John Low 4 1 22-25 John Low 4 John Members Covered Twelve Miles championship at 18:2 balk line. The championship at 18:2 balk line. The series of matches which will bring out the new titleholder this week is under the direction of the National Association of the recent snowfall the Walkers Club of America yesterday cut May by steadings of America yesterday cut.

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Handled by Ralph B. Sickels, Leads Craft on the North

Shrewsbury.

RED BANK, N. J., Dec. 16.—In a flurry of snow that almost blinded the skipper at times, six yachts of the Independent Club sailed the first race of the season to-day on the North Shrewsbury, which was covered with seven inches of ice,
The contest was the commodore's race,
an event over a six mile course. Ralph
B. Sickies's Banshee won by a good
margin in fast time for the light southeast wind that was blowing. His time
was 30:12:30.
Four new fifth class boats started in
this race, the Blue Jay, owned by Harry

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Sickles, who is commodore of the club, got away in the lead with the Banshes, and with favorable wind was never headed throughout the triangular course. and with favorable wind was never
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The course started from a stake in front
to of the clubhouse, extended across the
thing to windward, and up the
thin in the stake opposite the steamboat

The Blue Jay showed up the best of the new boats. It pointed up well.
The Eel finished third, O. U., owned and sailed by C. H. Page of Newark,

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the P. D. Q. showed some of the male skippers how to handle a white winged flyer. W. K. Herrin of Clarksdale, Miss.. a guest of Mr. Page of Newark, out in an ice boat for the first time, was thrown from the craft when it slatted as he took the tiller of Miss Mulvey's yacht. He slid on the ice for several yards and his how! of laughter was the first Miss Mulvey knew that the young man was missing from the boat. man was missing from the boat.

Fierre A. Proal drove his fast zero sled up and down the river and hundreds of skaters enjoyed the sport.

IN LEONARD'S CLASS

to Three-Champion Boxes To-night.

was not dangerous thereafter. Welling would be the most dangerous man in a battle with Leonard, much man in a battle with Leonard, much more so than White, because the Chiwhile Walling has a knockout punch in It will make little difference to Leat

necessary to meet all emergencies in the Champion Leonard will give anothe

ambitious young man a chance at the title to-night, when he meets Chin Brown, the lightweight champion of bas beaten nearly all the New England 135 pounders and has a large following in that district. Many of his admirers be Here that he can take the measure of be at the ringside by hundreds to chee for their favorite. No doubt they will be satisfied if their man makes a good showing against the title holder.

Joe Welling, one of the best lightweights in the world and who is a member of the United States navy, me: with a surprising and utterly unwarranted affront in the Clympia A. A. Philadelphia, previous to the bout be tween Leonard and Cline last Wednes and were introduced to the onlookers Welling, in his sailor costume, was

among these who was introduced, but instead of the customary formula, the "Joe Welling, one of the best welter-weights in America."
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it seems incredible that any master of ceremonies at a boxing club should not know that Welling is a genuino lightweight, but if the announcer in question made the mistake honestly, there is nothing for Welling to do but forget the incident.

However, if the statement was deliberately made then it was a most un-called for misrepresentation of the facia

Macy by steadiness of execution, as finite times to prun is only 15, has in turn defeated James Ferguson, John Lange, Sidney Brussell and William Horton Three times he has conquered opponents with an average of better than 3, and his high average stands as 219-27, made in the match against Brussell, the player representing Lawler's Academy in Brooklyn. In all of his contests Macy, who represents Sam Gruhn's Broadway Academy, has proved himself an able receipts and Micke 20 per cent.